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SUBJ: WHA - ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON

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1. SINCE SENDING REFTEL CONVEYING THE TEXT OF THE
RESOLUTION ON ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON, THE DELEGATION
HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY DR. R. SADDI, DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE LEBANESE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WHO HAS
ASKED THE US TO CO-SPONSOR THE RESOLUTION.

2. THE MISSION FEELS THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING ITS MENTION
OF AN "ISRAELI INVASION", THERE WOULD BE MANY ADVANTAGES
IN OUR SO DOING. UNFORTUNATELY, BY OPPOSING SO
VIGOROUSLY THE ARAB DRAFT RESOLUTION ON HEALTH IN THE
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, WE ARE PERCEIVED AS BEING NOT
SO MUCH CONCERNED WITH THE POLITICIZATION OF THE
ORGANIZATION AS IN ACTING AS A "FRONT MAN" FOR THE
ISRAELIS. WE BELIEVE THAT BY CO-SPONSORING AN EVEN
HANDED RESOLUTION AIMED AT ASSISTING AN ARAB COUNTRY
THAT HAS BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY RECENT DEVELOPMENTS
IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WE WOULD INTRODUCE A SENSE OF
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BALANCE THAT IS BADLY NEEDED FOR OUR EFFECTIVENESS.

3. WE URGENTLY REQUEST, THEREFORE, THAT YOU AUTHORIZE
US TO ACT AS CO-SPONSOR. WE WOULD TRY TO USE THIS AS A
BARGAINING CHIP TO GET AT A MINIMUM THE SLIGHT
MODIFICATIONS IN THE SECOND SECTION OF THE DRAFT
RESOLUTION ON HEALTH IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

FOO WHICH WE HAVE BEEN PRESSING.
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